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Undeveloped Land in City's North End Has Had Long History of Controversy

by Elaine Skolnik

For decades Greenbelters have vigorously opposed rezoning applications that threatened the character of their community. But none has stirred the citizenry into action more than the on-and-off-again rezoning applications on Parcels 1 and 2.

At the regular city council meeting on Monday, December 7 Ruth Kastner, acting chairperson of the Committee to Save Our Green Belt, presented a petition signed, she said, by some 800-900 citizens. The petition called on council immediately to apply the \$1,765,000 previously agreed on for parkland acquisition and development to the task of acquiring as much as possible of Parcel 1. Kastner then went further. She requested that council "... offer the owner a respectable price for Parcel 1, comparable to what he is asking of his contract purchaser" in order to acquire the whole tract.

Council listened for almost three hours to a stream of speakers all insisting that the city acquire the parcels. (Details of the council meeting will be given in the next issue.)

Essentially landlocked, Parcel 1 is located between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and GHI property, north of Northway extended and south of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. (See map). The tract consists of 131 acres, of which 10 are part of the surplus school property and 19 acres are city parkland. Parcel 2 stretches south of Northway extended to Gardenway. Sixty-two acres of that 72-acre tract are also part of the surplus school property, with the remaining 10 acres situated south of Hamilton Place. Rezoning petitions dating back to the early 1960's identify Charles Bresler and Theodore Lerner et al. as owners of the property.

The issue that triggered the recent call to action on the part of the citizenry was the formal unveiling before city council on November 19 of a proposed development plan for Parcel 1 by Rocky Gorge Communities, Inc. Situated on about 103 acres were 125 single-family detached homes and 218 townhouses in Residential Suburban, a comprehensive design community zone that permits 2.7 to 3.5 units an acre. Council did not look favorably on construction of townhouses, and several citizens objected to any development of Parcel 1.

Apparently in an attempt to mollify council, Rocky Gorge drew up a new set of plans calling for 175 single-family detached homes in the existing rural residential zone. (Any change from the existing zoning would require Rocky Gorge to wait until April 1988 to file a rezoning application because Bresler and Lerner withdrew their rezoning petitions for Parcels 1 and 2 on April 8, 1986.

According to the County Zoning Hearing Examiner's office, withdrawal of a rezoning application prevents applicants from refiling on the same property for two years, even if it is submitted by a new owner.

Engineers for Rocky Gorge have been wrestling with the longstanding problem of providing public water and sewer service to Parcel 1. According to a report released by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in the summer of 1985, estimates of costs to provide sewer service for Parcels 1 and 2 ranged from \$2.25 million to \$5 million.

Under the county's Ten-Year Water and Sewage Plan for Prince Georges County, both parcels will not be serviced by sanitary sewers within the next 10 years. An amendment to that 10-year plan by the county council would be required to service the area sooner. Rocky Gorge representatives have indicated that they would seek the city's support for such an amendment.

Similarly, they would encourage the city to convince the county to give them access to their proposed development. Their primary access would be a new road traversing part of the surplus school site land and emptying into Northway extended. Rocky Gorge would need permission from the county for construction of the new road. Since the entire 72-acre surplus school site property is slated to be turned over to the city, it is expected that the county will ask the city for its recommendation.

Complicating the deeding of this land to the city is the requirement by the State that the outstanding bond debt be assumed by the city, in addition to the debt retroactive to the date of original approval by the State of the transfer of the land from the Board of Education to the county. Consequently, the city may be responsible to pay all, or part of, the total debt of \$457,734.

The county executive and city officials hope that during the upcoming session State legislation will be passed to forgive the bond debt.

Another possible factor in the deeding of this land to the city by the county is the question of whether there is a valid reverter clause dealing with the right of the original owners to reclaim the 72-acre school site tract.

In his September 15, 1985 letter to Zoning Hearing Examiner Barry Cramp, Russell Shipley,

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GHI Board Presents Motions on Parcel 1

by Mavis Fletcher

At the city council meeting on December 7, Margaret Hogensen, President of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the housing cooperative which adjoins Parcel 1 on two sides, read two motions adopted by the GHI board of directors at a meeting on December 3. In the first motion, the board of directors opposed any development of Parcel 1 (other than for parkland) and encouraged the city of Greenbelt to purchase this land to help maintain the scope of Greenbelt's historic "green belt." The second motion documented the board's concern about the impact of Parcel 1 development on GHI facilities and the lack of any study of this impact. Both motions were passed unanimously.

At the GHI meeting, the board discussed the negative impacts which would follow development. Of particular concern was the traffic which would have to pass through narrow residential streets. The streets can't really be widened in some of the narrowest places (such as the area of the 59 Court of Ridge) without tearing down houses. GHI Vice-president Wayne Williams worried that the pressure to cut Ridge Road through to Kenilworth would prove irresistible and that there will be "a funnel" of traffic using Ridge Road to get out of the city.

Treasurer Ray McCawley, however, seemed doubtful that the development could be stopped. "You might delay it," he said, "but you probably can't stop it." The other board members were more determined. Secretary Andrea Haslinger said she felt "violated" by the idea of losing Parcel 1 green space. She said it must be protected because "it's all we've got, folks."

Director Nancy Hutchins supported stronger language than that which ended up in the motion. She originally suggested that city council put the acquisition of Parcel 1 above the indoor swimming pool as the highest priority. When this language failed to gain supporters, the more modest tone was adopted.

Director Chuck Hess strongly supported no development of the land. He suggested that the appropriate action for the board would be to tell the elected of-

See GHI, page 5, col. 4

What Goes On

Tues., Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Crime Prevention Committee, Council Room, Municipal Bldg.

Thurs., Dec. 17, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors, Hamilton Place

CNEC MEMBERS GET PREVIEW OF NORTH END SCHOOL PLANS

by Steve Galanis

Citizens for the North End Center (CNEC) rekindled their hopes for a multi-generational activity center at the North End school site after they finished listening to advocates of child care, adult day care, and the arts outline the potential of their program offerings.

The night of short slide presentations and brief talks at the municipal building, Thursday, November 19, proved especially promising to the particular supporters of a senior citizens center/adult day care facility or a nursery school.

Mayor pro tem Joseph Isaacs, the evening's first guest speaker, summarized the status in the council of the North End Center project. He noted that the tri-fold concept of a senior adult center, nursery school, and arts center had outstanding merit. He said the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to which the city has applied for construction funds for the senior day care component of the project, is in favor of the overall scheme proposed for the center. Due to the city's commitment to fund the design costs for the medical day care facility, and to the center's favorable overall scheme, Isaacs said the city had better than a 50% chance of obtaining the \$200,000 requested in the application. He said the city will soon apply for another grant for construction funds to go toward the proposed senior citizen drop-in center. According to Isaacs, the amount requested under the second grant is \$150,000.

Isaacs pointed out, however, that a conceptual plan for the North End building, now being prepared by the city, will only include senior citizen programming. He said the conceptual plan is tied to the grant requests now in place. In an attempt to alleviate concern about the inherent limitation of the conceptual plan, Isaacs said that long-term factors (i.e., the housing of other facilities such as the proposed arts center and nursery school) would be carefully considered.

Childcare advocate Marlene Welch, the second panel speaker, urged those present at the meeting to push for completion of the North End Center. Although businesses, she said, are not generally inclined to provide child day care services to their own employees because of the high cost of liability insurance (\$60 per child per year, she said), she claimed the service was worth the community's own effort to provide. Welch said day care was a drawing card for business, that it represented a community's effort to help its own, and that it allowed children to remain in their home environment.

Representatives of University Fellowship Club (UFC) and Betterment for United Seniors de-

"Rover Run" Planned At Greenbelt Park

On December 13 at 8:30 a.m. in Greenbelt National Park, the Prince Georges Running Club is sponsoring a 1½ mile run-with-your-dog race. There will be large dog and small dog categories, with finishing-place prizes in each category. Prizes will also be awarded for largest and smallest, oldest and youngest, and best dressed dog.

Each dog will receive dog biscuits, rawhide chips, and a bandana imprinted with the race logo.

scribed area day care programs for the elderly. Dani Ritter of UFC, which is located on the edge of the University of Maryland campus, gave a slide presentation on the activities of seniors at UFC. Physical exercise, arts and crafts, and educational discussions on such topics as health and nutrition are some of the activities Ritter mentioned. In addition, Ritter said that at least one or two classes were taught each semester at UFC by a Prince Georges Community College instructor.

Janice Lamb and Sophie Miller of Betterment for United Seniors described their organization as a lobbying arm for senior citizens. They said BUS was instrumental in converting vacant Brentwood Elementary School into the Cora B. Wood Multi-service Senior Center. The center's facilities include a nutrition site, a medical day care center, a health clinic, and an activities center. They said the Cora B. Wood Center was operated jointly by the Prince Georges County Department of Aging, the Prince Georges Hospital, and Southeast Hospital.

The evening's presentations were concluded with slides of the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center in Laurel and the Harmony Hall Regional Center in Oxon Hill, which were shown by county visual arts coordinator Jennifer Gibson. One of the main advantages of an arts center which Gibson cited is that people with a talent for art are given a chance to develop their skills over a period of time. She said classes and workshops were held year round at the Laurel and Oxon Hill Centers.

CRIME WATCH TRAINING

Greenbelt Crime Watch training will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Training is open to all Greenbelt residents.

For more information contact Pfc. Pat McAndrew at 474-7200.

Parent Ideas Sought For School's Budget

To reduce last-minute school budget requests, the county council of PTA's and Suzanne Plogman, the District 2 school board member, are co-sponsoring a pre-budget public hearing on Monday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt High School auditorium.

Plogman says she is looking for good ideas from parents and administrators to help guide her through the upcoming budget negotiating sessions.

Plogman is also sending an attitude survey home to parents with District 2 students this week. She says the survey will be a report card of sorts for the school board and should give her feedback on what the schools are doing well and not so well.

Coffee Hour Starts

There will be a coffee hour starting on Sunday, December 13 at 1:30 and ending at 4:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. It is opened to the community and all adults are welcome.

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A Time for Boldness

This wonderful 50th anniversary year is almost over. How it has taken us back to our roots! Again and again we have celebrated the vision which built this community, the idea for which our town was named. The reserved greenspace, we have all agreed, has been vital to the happiness in our lives. Yet unfortunately, as this year winds down, we face the ultimate irony that, unless council acts decisively, we may lose an important segment of that buffering green belt.

The designers of Greenbelt looked far ahead—and left a legacy. Now we must do no less. We must preserve and cherish it. So we agree with Betty Allen, our local historian, who so eloquently spoke to council Monday night about the cloud that has hung over our heads for 34 years: the eventual fate of that last beautiful vestige of our forested green belt known so prosaically as "Parcel 1." We too want to see that cloud removed, decisively and soon.

Somewhere in our lives, most of us have experienced seeing something expensive, but so right that we simply had to buy it. Somehow we always found the money to pay for it. To us, the wooded tract in our city's north end is one of those rare items that must be bought if it is at all possible. Not to try can only mean never-ending regret.

We are optimistic that the will exists among our neighbors to allow council to find the money, even if it means increasing our tax rates. We are optimistic too that another look at pool-vs.-parkland priorities will not be as "divisive" as some councilmembers fear. We cannot believe that love of swimming automatically rules out a parallel and perhaps even stronger love for greenspace.

So we urge council to be bold: let's buy it! And we urge all our Greenbelt neighbors to support council to the fullest in this effort. Let's get rid of the cloud. Let's not have to live with regrets.



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CORRECTION

The writer of a Letter to the Editor last week was incorrectly identified. The writer was Thomas Brian White, who is the son of Thomas X. White, city councilmember.

Last Chance to Switch Parties Is December 14

Maryland voters have until 9 p.m. Monday, December 14 to change their party affiliation. After that date, no one is permitted to change from one party to another unless the voter changes his residence from one county to another within the state when registration is open and, upon reregistering, decides to switch affiliation.

State law requires that the deadline for party affiliation changes be 12 weeks or 84 days prior to a primary election. This year's Presidential Primary Election will be held Tuesday, March 8. The new date came about as a result of legislation passed by the 1986 General Assembly.

For information, contact the election board on 952-3270, TTY 627-3352.

Gray Panthers Meet

Gray Panthers will have their December meeting Saturday, December 12, 1 to 4 p.m. jointly with the Montgomery County and Metropolitan D.C. Gray Panthers at the Shiloh Baptist Church at 1500 9th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. (Ample Parking.) This meeting will be a joint public hearing on our national health care system. Daniel Lindheim, Legislative Counsel to Congressman Ron Dellums, and Art Mazer, Boston author of "How to Fight City Hall and Win" will speak.

Carpooling and rides will be provided from the Greenbelt Sovran Bank to this meeting. Persons planning to go should call Ann Pisano, at 474-7841.

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I have just turned fifty and think I must be suffering from mid-life crisis. After all the celebrations are over, what do I have to look forward to?

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Dear Bored:

Another fifty years—then you get an even bigger party. Go for it, you're on a roll!

Dear Doc:

Is Epoxy curable?

Glue-me Gus

Dear Gus:

Yes, but it's a sticky condition.

Dear Doctor:

I love thrills and danger. Do you recommend the Indy 500 or an African safari?

Wild One

Dear Wild One:

Try Kenilworth Avenue and 193.

Wish your friends and neighbors a
Happy Holiday Season
in the News Review

Louis G. Lushine

Louis G. Lushine, 71, a 43-year Greenbelt resident, died November 29 of complications from an auto accident last summer while he was on vacation in Minnesota.

He was born in Eveleth, Minnesota, on September 25, 1916 and graduated with honors from Eveleth Community College. Following graduation from the University of Minnesota and attendance at a business college, he moved to Washington, D.C., in 1941. He worked at the General Accounting Office until his retirement on disability in 1969.

Louis married Lucille Boyer and moved to Greenbelt in 1944, where he lived until his death. They lived for six years at what is now the newly designated home of the Greenbelt Museum.

Mr. Lushine was active in civic affairs, having been president of the Greenbelt Band, candidate for Town Council, member of the Toastmasters Club, the Thursday afternoon Bridge Club, and the Prince Georges "Seasoned Players" performing group.

He is survived by his wife, children James Lushine and Angie Glendening, and three grandchildren.

Classical Music Recitalists Sought for Spring Concert

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince Georges County, Arts Division is seeking classical music recitalists for presentation in the Spring of 1988.

Instrumental and vocal soloists are invited to submit an audition tape (audio cassette) and resume for consideration for presentation at the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center in Laurel, Maryland on April 9, May 12, or May 14, 1988.

The three recitalists selected will be awarded contracts to defray the cost of their performances. Other opportunities for performance may result in addition to the Spring recitals.

Candidates should mail resume and tape to Gordon L. Gustin, Music Specialist, Arts Division, M-NCPPC, 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, Maryland 20737. For additional information call Mr. Gustin at 699-2455.

Recreation Review

Discount Book

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is now selling the Entertainment '88 books. Save all year long on dining, movies, sports and more. Join the nation's largest discount club and enjoy hundreds of get-acquainted, two-for-one offers from well-known attractions in the area. Hundreds of two-for-one coupon offers include family dining, fast foods, movies, concerts, sports, hotels plus other valuable coupons. Contact the Recreation Department Business Office, 474-6878, for further details.

Christmas Tree Sale

Trees are being sold at the Braden Field Batting Cage area from December 11-24. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 6-9 p.m. All sales benefit Cub Scout Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop 1746.

Volleyball Practice

The Greenbelt Middle School Gymnasium is open for volleyball practice on Monday evenings from 1 to 10 p.m. League games begin January 25.

Elderly Resident Severely Beaten in Vicious Attack

by Jack Brickman

A 60-year-old woman walking home about 12:20 am, November 28 was attacked near 9 Parkway by a man who beat her about the face and head with his fist or a hard object, according to Greenbelt city police. After the attack the woman, who lives alone, continued to her home, apparently in a dazed condition, where she spent the night without calling for police or emergency medical assistance, says police spokesman Patrick McAndrew.

About 9 a.m. that morning a neighbor came to her house and found her dazed and severely beaten. A relative was called and then took her to the doctors' offices at Roosevelt Center where she received preliminary treatment for cuts, bruises and lacerations of the face and head. It was only then that police were finally notified and responded to the doctor's office where they received a report of the attack.

The victim was unable to give investigators any information about the incident. She was unable to remember what had happened to her, says McAndrew. She could not remember how she managed to make her way home, did not know what she was beaten with and could not describe her attacker. After leaving the doctor's office she was taken to Doctors' Hospital in Lanham for further treatment. Based on the severity and nature of her injuries, investigators are convinced she was beaten with some sort of blunt object.

Police have been unable to ascribe a motive for the attack, but they report that windows had been smashed on several cars in that vicinity about the time of her attack and they speculate that the victim may have happened along and interrupted the suspect(s) during the vandalism.

Police urge anyone having knowledge or information about this incident to call them at 474-7200.

WSSC Offers Winter Tips

WSSC reminds its customers that maintenance, repair and/or replacement of the pipeline system inside the property line is the customer's responsibility. Homeowners should examine their pipes to determine if any pipes near an outside wall need insulating.

WSSC cautions homeowners never to leave a hose connected to an outside spigot during winter months, not even the more modern "frost-free hydrants."

If water lines should freeze, the homeowner should take extra precaution in thawing. Open flame should never be used. A hand-held blow dryer gives slower but safer results.

WSSC responded to thousands of frozen water service calls last year.

For those who plan to leave their home or business unattended during any portion of the winter, WSSC has prepared a "Guide to Winterizing Your Home." It is available free by writing the WSSC-PAO, 4017 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville Md. 20781.

NOTICE

Notices of religious services, previously displayed on this page, are located on page 4.



Letters to the Editor

Let's Manage Our Growth

In this our 50th year, it is fitting that quality of life is at the heart of the discussion regarding the potential development of Parcel 1. Quality of life is also at the heart of renovating our deteriorating center of town, the Roosevelt Center. In both cases, private developers have virtual control of two essential elements of importance in Greenbelt—open space and sharing community spirit in a vibrant and enjoyable environment. To achieve a high quality of life and to maintain it requires a commitment to founding principles embodied in our original architecture, our recreational and cultural programs and sound well-thought-out city planning.

Greenbelt was created to provide a national example which would inspire other towns and cities to manage their growth, and to foster community spirit by creating an atmosphere where civic, educational, recreational and commercial activities could flourish. It is these principles which lead us to proudly proclaim that "Greenbelt is Great." But what really has made our city great has been our ability to preserve and to enhance these qualities.

The examples are clear: we came together to defend our community paper, the News Review; we came together to implement fair housing laws; we came together to build a recreation center when there was a clear need to serve the teen population; and we came together to form a new Co-op when faced with the loss of the original Co-op. Our battles with developers, though, have ended too often, where we have had to settle for the best of a bad situation. This is apparent in our failure to preserve and to protect our declining amount of green space, and also in failing to preserve and to protect our historic town center.

In order to tackle the specific problems of Parcel 1 and the Roosevelt Center as well as other projects which were outlined in the first Bond, it must be recognized that there is a need to issue a second Bond. While we may temporarily postpone work on the indoor swimming pool so as to provide the opportunity to buy Parcel 1, which resolves one problem, we cannot lose sight of many projects whose future may be indefinitely postponed. These projects include an addition to the Youth Center, improvements to the public works facility, improvements to the Municipal Building and additional parkland acquisition. And what of the theater?

The Council adopted, more than two years ago, "that it preserve the original theater as a cultural arts center with activities extending onto the mall."

Recently, the owner of the Roosevelt Center has negotiated with Cinema & Drafthouse to use the theater as a place to serve beer and show movies. What community activities will be derived from this business? What will it contribute to community spirit? Will they sponsor educational workshops or provide live performance in the theater, dance or music? Will they make available the facility in the event of rain during the Labor Day Festival as the Arts Center has?

Council, in 1985, committed

itself to maintain the Roosevelt Center as the community center of the city. It would make good sense for the city to use the plan as a framework from which to negotiate for renovation and revitalization of the Center. In order to ensure that the plan will work, it may be necessary for the city to become financially involved. It is clear that this issue has become time critical.

We have many needs to be met. People have told me that they do not feel that a second bond issue could be passed. I believe that if we do not consider it as an option, we guarantee future battles over items essential to our collective quality of life, and virtually guarantee that we will lose the remaining vestiges of our legacy, be it our town center, our green space, or our sense of pride.

Konrad E. Herling

Lost Vision?

When the Parcel 1 area is developed, the original idea of a green belt will be dead. Not only will we have lost the green belt, but another of the very few remaining natural habitat areas for wildlife will have vanished.

Have the good people of the city council lost that original vision of Greenbelt? Did they forget about what Aldo Leopold and Henry Thoreau wrote about communities and the land? It was Thoreau who once said: "the goodness of a community should not be judged by the righteousness of its men, but by the amount of woods that surround it." Need I say more?

George W. Gliba

Woman's Club News

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club of Greenbelt will be held Monday, December 14, at 1 p.m. in the meeting room in the Greenbelt Library.

This will be the annual Christmas Party and members are asked to bring a gift for the gift exchange.

At Greenbelt Park

Sat. and Sun., Dec. 12 and 13

Urban Woodlands — Join a Park Ranger for a one hour, 1.5 mile walk along the Dogwood Nature Trail and learn why the leaves change colors and man's influence upon the forest. Meet at the Dogwood Nature Trail parking area at 10 a.m.

For more information call 344-3944. Walk cancelled in the event of rain.

Still Flawed

Mr. Goldberg now admits (Nov. 26 issue) that the Greenbelt survey is not a valid statistical survey, but he still misses the point as to why it should not be conducted. He now states that the survey concerns a political question rather than a statistical question, whatever that means.

I am concerned that politicians will use the results to reinforce a position that they take. In fact the results of the Greenbelt survey have been used in the past in a way that implied they represent the feelings of the residents of the city.

Mr. Goldberg seems to imply that the survey can serve as a petition from the citizens, or as another form of expression. However, I believe that all communications between citizens and council should, like these letters to the editor, contain the names of the petitioners. Only then would council know who they are, and provide one of the necessary points in evaluating the communication. If council wants input from the citizens, there are more efficient and accurate ways to accomplish this.

For the third, and I hope the last time, I repeat, if a task is not done right, it should not be done at all. I object to the use of tax monies, regardless of how small they may be, on this faulted survey, and see no legitimate use for the data so obtained.

Harvey Geller

(Editor's Note: The exchange of letters on this topic has been interesting. However, we must conclude that only three readers writing on this subject are statistically insignificant. We are declaring an end to the series.)

Prime Cable Is Raising Rate

Prime Cable of Maryland has notified the Prince Georges County Cable Television Commission that the monthly rate for the "Cable Plus" tier of service (non-premium channels) will increase by \$2 to the new rate of \$15.95. Multi-pay discounting will no longer apply to the first premium channel. The first premium channel will be billed at \$6.95 per month and each additional premium channel will remain at the \$6.25 discount rate. The Disney Channel will remain at the \$7.95 rate. The increase will take effect on January 1.

Questions concerning rates may be directed to Prime Cable at 731-5560 or the Cable Television Commission at 952-3990.

Catlin Joins City Staff

by Dorrie Bates

There's a new face in the Municipal Building: Blythe Catlin has joined the city staff as an administrative assistant to City Manager Jim Giese.

Originally from Wayland, Massachusetts, Catlin came to the Washington area to get a master's degree in public administration. While finishing her studies at American University, she interned in the Rockville city office as a budget analyst.

According to Giese, it was her training and experience in budget work that set her apart from other applicants. Already she has worked on many aspects of Greenbelt's budget process, including preparing the recent bond issue statement. "We're pleased with the way she's pitched in," said Giese.

Acknowledging that Greenbelt is certainly different from Rockville, Catlin said that she enjoys working with a more closely knit group. Furthermore, she pointed out, without a large staff, fewer people do more jobs, a situation which gives her a broad base in what makes a city work. The variety of the work that comes her way, along with the history unique to Greenbelt, was a factor in Catlin's decision to come here.

Despite the demands of her job, Catlin does find time to relax. Horseback riding is one of her current interests and she has participated in several rigorous three-day events in the area.

GHI NOTES

The Member and Community Relations Committee will meet Tuesday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Board of Directors meets on Thursday, December 17 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room. Members are always welcome to attend these meetings.

Toastmasters Club Meets At SHL Community Room

Speak up and get ahead! A Toastmasters Club meets at the Springhill Lake Community Room twice monthly to help people achieve better public speaking goals. "The Toastmasters program is ideal for busy people," said Marvin Holmes, president. "Learning takes place in the supportive atmosphere of a club, and you progress at your own pace, building self-confidence and seeing results, while having a good time. A new Speechcraft program is streamlined specifically for job advancement."

Each Toastmasters Club provides its members with a professionally prepared program that will improve their ability to speak and lead.

The entire community is invited to join. Please call either the Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge at 474-4555 or Marvin Holmes at 345-6595.

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White Pine

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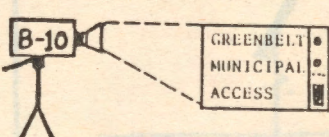
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'Operation Santa' Brings Christmas to Hospitalized

Operation Santa, the annual holiday project sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Prince Georges County, will again provide Christmas gifts for over 450 Prince Georges residents hospitalized with emotional illnesses at Spring Grove Hospital Center in Catonsville. Prince Georges Hospital and those in foster care placements. In addition, Operation Santa will provide gifts for the more than 120 adolescents at Crownsville State Hospital. RICA-Cheltenham RICA-Rockville, Edgemoor, and Villa Maria, and the adolescent unit at Prince Georges Hospital. Many of these persons have been hospitalized for years with no friends or relatives to remember them during the Holidays.

Jo McCarthy of Cheverly, Chairperson of Operation Santa, reports that over 2000 gifts are needed. All Prince Georges County residents, churches, clubs, and community organizations are being asked to lend their support to the project.

Donations of gift items, monetary contributions or volunteer time would be greatly appreciated. Suggested gifts for hospitalized patients include: health care items, washclothes, soaps, towels, shampoo, slippers, hats, sweaters, gloves, playing cards, puzzle games, note paper, model kits, flashlights, books, candy, and new clothing.

Sponsors for a child or adolescent are being sought; they will be asked to provide a gift box for that child.

Anyone wishing further information or desiring to help wrap gifts or volunteer their assistance should call the Mental Health Association at 577-3140.

Women of St. Hugh's Plan Christmas Program

All women of St. Hugh's parish are invited to join the members of the Women of St. Hugh's parish organization for their Christmas celebration this coming Monday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Grenoble Hall.

Sister Dolores Wilson of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center and Director of Bethlehem House for the handicapped will be guest speaker. A Christmas social featuring an exchange of family Christmas customs will follow. The annual collection for the Ann Ryan Memorial Fund for Great Oaks residents will be taken up at the conclusion of the evening. Anyone interested in contributing to this fund but cannot attend the meeting is asked to contact Henrietta Haslinger (474-8171).

Brownie Troop 1411

On Friday, December 18 at 6 p.m. the members of Greenbelt Brownie Troop 1411 will sing Christmas Carols at Roosevelt Center. At 7 p.m. they will present a short program of carols for the residents of Green Ridge House in their community room. Afterwards, a pizza party is planned at Joe's Carry-Out.

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Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
422-8057

Dorothy Rothgeb is Honored

by Michelle Nachison

It is said that we excel in those areas that we enjoy. Greenbriar Association community building and activities director Dorothy Rothgeb is no exception to the rule.

Rothgeb has poured 12 years of dedication, fun and enjoyment into programming creative activities for her community. The residents of Greenbriar can attest to Rothgeb's flair as she has arranged wine and cheese parties, children's activities, and even a cruise on the Queen Elizabeth II.

Such devotion does not go unappreciated. The Greenbriar Association will be honoring Rothgeb on Sunday, December 13 with a retirement reception.

Rothgeb said, "After 12 years, it's time to move on."

Greenbriar is not the only area where Rothgeb plays an important role. Her interest in politics led her to take an active part in establishing the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club in Greenbelt which holds voter registration drives, and supports local and even national candidates.

"I feel like an adopted Greenbelt resident," said Rothgeb, a resident of nearby Bowie. "The rapport and interactions with Greenbelt residents is so enjoyable."

Rothgeb's devotion to the community extends into the county.

"I work occasionally with the Prince Georges County liquor board to prevent minors from being sold alcohol."

In her spare time Rothgeb enjoys swimming. She was a professional synchronized swimmer in the 1939-40 World's Fair. Her love of the sport enticed her to later teach swimming and physical education at Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg.

CHORALE PERFORMANCES

The combined Chorales of the Beltsville and Greenbelt-Lanham communities will present Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitor" at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 13 at Beltsville Presbyterian Church (corner of Powder Mill Road and I-95N) and again on December 14, at 7:30 p.m., at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church (10110 Greenbelt Road, Lanham). There is an admission fee.

Baha'i Faith

In truth the fruit of human existence is the love of God, for this is the spirit of life and the eternal bounty.

—Baha'i Sacred Writings

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Delightful Tree Lighting Ceremony

by Michael Vaccaro

On Sunday evening, December 4, Christmas came alive at Greenbriar! After a beautiful musical program, the Greenbelt East Tree was lighted to the delight of everyone present. The Eleanor Roosevelt Chambers Choir sang appropriate holiday songs and their stage presence and musical talent was indeed tremendously impressive. They were followed by Brownie Troop No. 567 from Greenbelt.

These very young ladies sang, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "Jingle Bells." Their enthusiasm was contagious and everyone joined in which made for a very merry "sing-a-long".

President Bob Zugby described briefly the purpose of GEAC and representatives of Hunting Ridge, Windsor Green, Greenwood Village and Greenbriar were introduced.

Refreshments were then served in the beautifully decorated Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building. Dorothy Pyles and her committee are to be commended for a lovely celebration to inaugurate the Holiday Season.

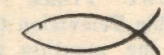
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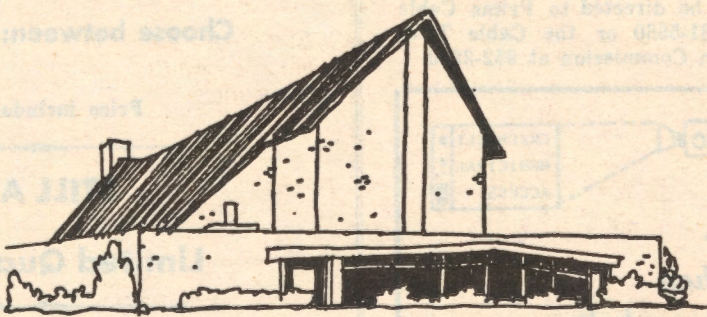
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Edward H. Birner, Pastor

345-5111

Paint Branch Church Plans Holiday Events

The Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church Annual Family Festival Service is planned for Sunday, December 20 at 11 a.m. at Buck Lodge Middle School, 2611 Buck Lodge Road, Adelphi. The service includes music by the adult and children choirs and the Paint Branch Philharmonic. The traditional mitten tree for others less fortunate is included, along with a play by the senior high class. There is a candle-lighting ceremony and the program ends with folk dancing by all.

A pot-luck dinner with ham, hot and cold vegetable dishes, rolls, beverages and desserts is provided for a nominal fee following the service. Reservations must be made in advance and everyone should bring a pot luck dish.

Christmas Eve two services are planned: a 6:30 p.m. family service and a 9:30 p.m. adult service. At 9 p.m. a Christmas Cantata by Johann Kuhnau will be presented by the choir and orchestra. All are invited to attend these events. For further information call 937-3666.

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The annual Christmas party of the Greenbelt Homemaker's Club will be held at the home of Shirley Hibbs on Wednesday, December 16, at 6 p.m. Members will exchange gifts and enjoy a Christmas buffet. For information call Lori Moran at 345-1429.

Science Center Offers Christmas Fantasy Story

The Howard B. Owens Science Center Planetarium presents "Terrible Teddy"—A Christmas Fantasy Story about Santa and his star friends. Especially designed for the young and not so young. Programs are Friday evenings, December 11 and 18, 7 p.m. There is an admission fee.

Following each showing of "Terrible Teddy," the current night sky will be examined with visible constellations and planets identified.

The Howard B. Owens Science Center, a facility of Prince Georges County Public Schools, is located 9601 Greenbelt Road, near the Goddard Space Flight Center. For more information and directions call 577-8780.

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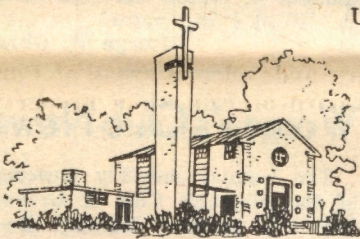
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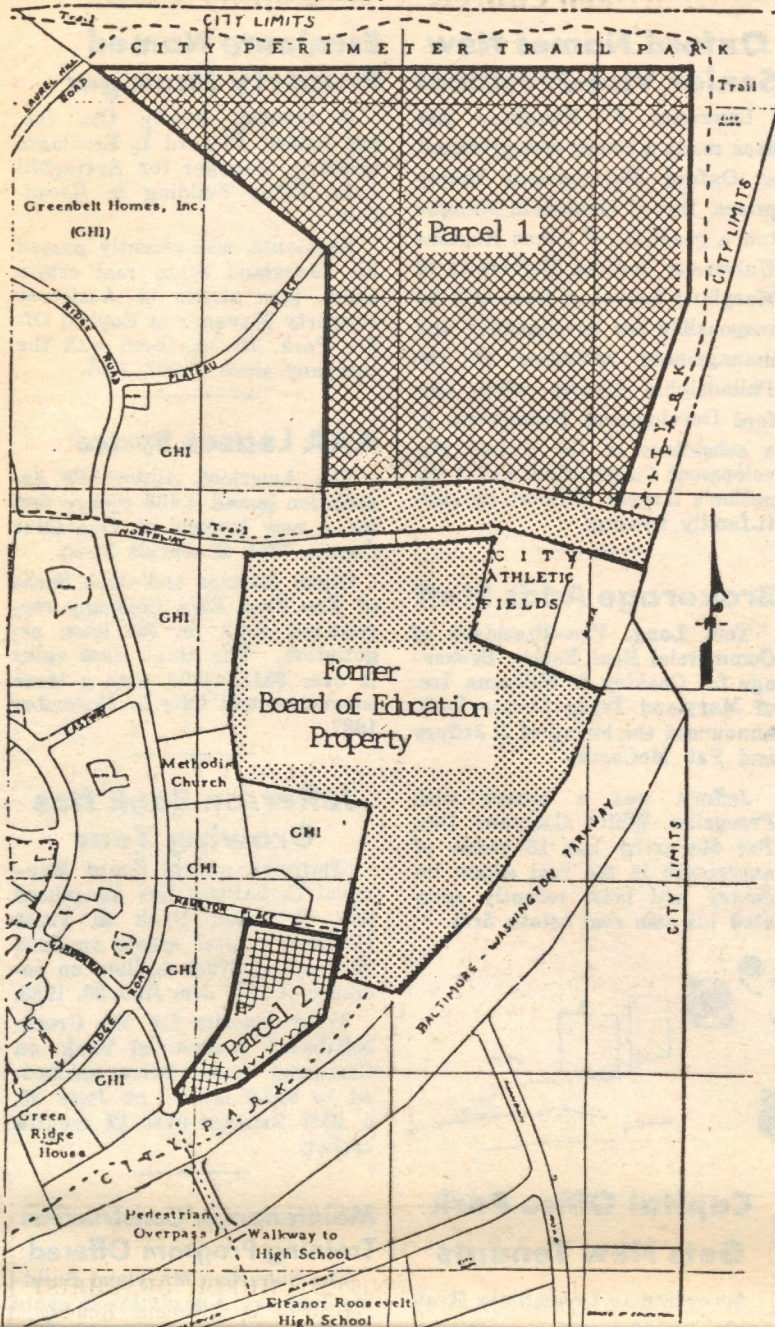
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The above map shows the entire undeveloped areas of Parcels 1 and 2 and the former Board of Education property which the county now controls. City parkland is seen along the northern boarder and in unconnected sections along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Undeveloped Land in the North End

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attorney for Bresler and Lerner said that the "applicants assert and claim a first option to repurchase these (former school) properties as a result of their negotiations by which they were initially conveyed to the School Board in 1966."

The matter, which is still unresolved, has surfaced intermittently over the years. At a January 8, 1985 negotiating work session with city council, Shipley put forth a variety of options by which the city could acquire parts or all of Parcels 1 and 2, as well as the county's surplus school sites. Among possible options suggested by Shipley at the time were: (1) donation to the city of the 102-acre Parcel 1, undisputed claim by the city to the school board property (72 acres), and in return city support for townhouse zoning of the 10-acre Parcel 2; (2) sale of both parcels to the city; (3) preparation of a plan for use of the land to include some private development, to be done by a land planner chosen by the city and paid by the owners of the land; (4) donation by the owners of half the land to the city in return for development rights to the other half; (5) other options to be suggested by city officials.

Negotiations continued with the city making an offer for the land, followed by a lull in the dealings. According to City Manager James K. Giese, the owners told him in July of this year that they were no longer interested in selling.

History

Originally 230 acres, Parcels 1 and 2 were the center of controversy in the 1960's and early 1970's. During that period, proposals for rezoning the land to a higher density and for a three-school complex were bitterly opposed by Greenbelters. Such uses of the virtually land-locked tracts were considered to be disruptive of the 1964 Greenbelt Master Plan and, later, of the county's 1970 Master Plan.

The rezoning applications, with the exception of the 72 acres purchased for the three-school complex that was never built, were reactivated in the latter part of 1981 in a move by the hearing examiner to resolve these and other old zoning applications. (The Greenbelt applications were the oldest in the county.) Hearing dates for the parcels were scheduled and postponed many times and the applications finally were withdrawn on April 8, 1986.

At the time, the Greenbelt city council, the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB) and the

technical staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) adhered to their late 1981 and early 1982 recommendations on the four rezoning applications. All recommended denial of the R-T townhouse zone that the owners were requesting. They determined that:

(1) Although the 1970 College Park - Greenbelt and Vicinity Master Plan recommended townhouse development for the land between the proposed perimeter road and the GHI property, there had been insufficient evidence of change in the neighborhood to warrant townhouse development since the November 1949 Comprehensive Map Amendment.

M-NCPPC describes the "neighborhood" as being "that portion of the City of Greenbelt bounded by the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on the east, Greenbelt Road on the south, the Capital Beltway and Kenilworth Avenue on the west, and the National Agricultural Research Center on the north."

(2) It would be more appropriate to consider development of the parcels through a Sectional Map Amendment after the new Master Plan is approved.

Under revision now, the Master Plan Advisory Committee has completed its study and the staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is expected to send a report to the Prince Georges County Planning Board and county council next spring. Consideration is being given to R-80 single-family detached homes on parcels 1 and 2 (up to 3.4 units per acre) or Residential Suburban in the Comprehensive Design Zone (2.7 to 3.5 units per acre).

(3) There is no evidence to suggest that the applicants are denied a reasonable use of the land in the existing R-R zone (i.e., single-family homes, 2 per acre) or that there is a pressing public purpose to be served by granting this application.

The city council argued they preferred single-family homes and that "There is an imbalance of housing units within the neighborhood . . . and within the city that would be made worse" if the property were developed in the townhouse zone.

Opponents of townhouse development on the parcels are concerned that there would be increased traffic problems. The city council has consistently pointed out that existing access roads are too limited, coming as they do from "low density residential areas that are part of the original planned community." Council also observes that the arterial perimeter road that was proposed some years ago for additional access to the undeveloped area is expected to be deleted when the revised master plan is adopted because (1) the proposed three-school complex for which the road was particularly intended was never built, (2) the city opposes the road and (3) new home development in the

GHI MOTIONS

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officials that the whole parcel should be acquired as parkland. He made the argument that no one, 50 years from now, would say that this decision had been wrong.

Hogensen said that all mistakes have to be paid for. GHI made a mistake when it sold the green space and now it will cost the people who live here, either in money or in the way they live, to pay for that mistake. She suggested that GHI members might want to help the city finance the purchase since GHI residents are so directly affected. People who live here are going to have to decide," she said.

Hess supported this view, saying that it is easier to pay in dollars than in a changing lifestyle. McCawley, however, felt that the land had simply grown too expensive for the city to purchase. Ruth Kastner, who is heading an effort to petition city council to purchase the land and who was present at the GHI board meeting, charged that "the city council wants to convince us that it is too expensive but that is not true."

Directors Mac Wirick and Alan D. Freas, Jr. indicated that they wanted the land preserved. However, Freas indicated that, if it had to be developed, the lower density of single-family homes would be preferable to townhouses. (Director Betty Deitch was unavoidably absent from the meeting.)

vicinity of Ridge and Research Roads has been built within the roads' planned right-of-way.

Servicing the parcels with sewer lines has never been resolved.

In 1985 WSSC said that in order to service this section of Greenbelt, it might be necessary to run an extension sewer drain through the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Alternatives are to construct a lift station and pump the sewage uphill to another sewer main, if one adequate in size is available, or to build a special treatment plant. Connection to the Greenbriar pumping station (a WSSC facility) is another alternative and a mechanical grinder system still another.

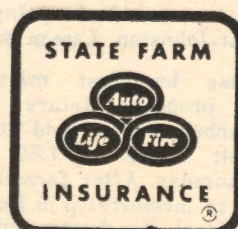
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Democratic Club to Hold Annual Holiday Party

The swearing in of new club officers will take place at the meeting of the Roosevelt Democratic Club on Friday, December 18 at 8 p.m.

Following the swearing-in the club will hold its annual holiday party. The public is invited to attend. Everyone is asked to bring pot luck hors d'oeuvres to share.

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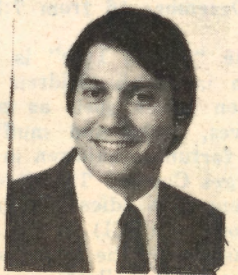
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What Is Pulpitis?

By definition, pulpitis is the inflammation of the pulps, the central, soft portion of a tooth which contains the nerve and blood vessels. The symptoms can be pain, swelling, sensitivity to hot, cold or sweets, tenderness and throbbing. Causes of pulpitis are almost endless but are primarily decay, gum infection, excessive biting pressure and injury. Relief of the symptoms and proper treatment is only possible after determining the cause and nature of the pulpitis.

Pulpitis can be classified as reversible and non-reversible. A reversible pulpitis is one which can respond to relatively simple treatment with a return to normal within a short time. Examples of this are simple cavities, broken or missing fillings, mild gum infection and irregular biting force. In all cases correction of the problem eliminates all symptoms.

By comparison, a non reversible pulpitis requires extensive treatment without return to the original normal condition. Deep cavities which have reached the nerve, cracked teeth and advanced periodontal (gum) disease are examples of this. Treatment varies according to the condition but usually consists of either root canal therapy or extraction.

A pulpitis is usually preventable through regular dental care. Periodic visual and xray examinations are essential in locating and treating small reversible problems before they progress to non-reversible conditions.

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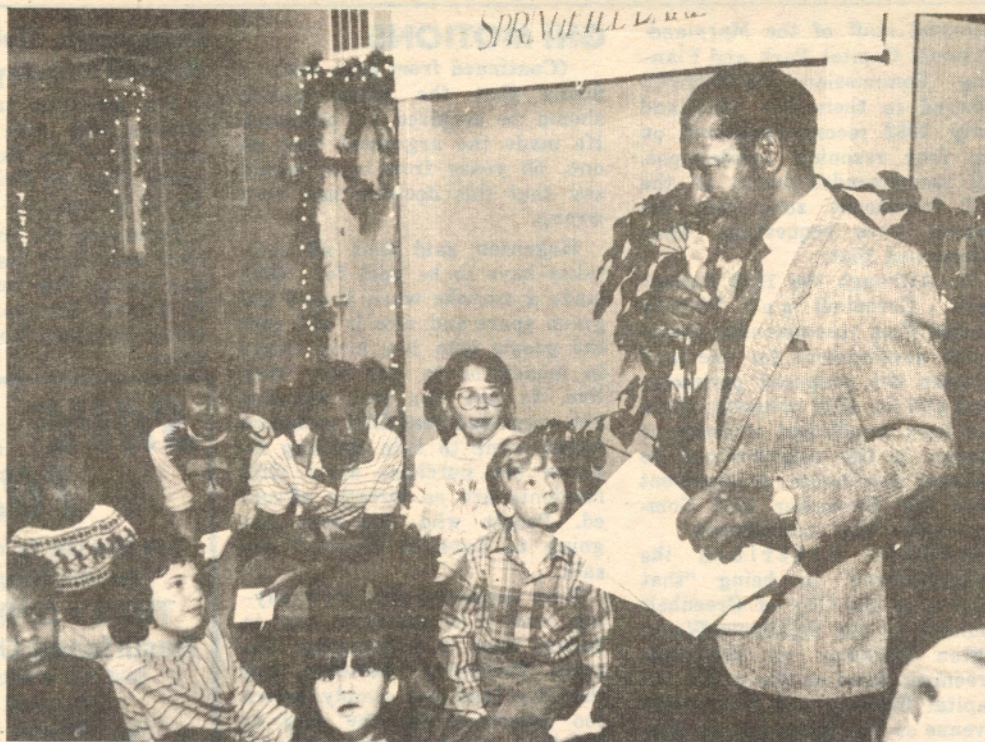
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Mitten Tree Sponsored By SHL Fountain Lodge

The Springhill Lake apartment development's Fountain Lodge is sponsoring the Christmas Mitten Tree once again at the Lodge on December 16 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

The "Mitten Tree" is a program in which children donate woolen items such as mittens, scarves, socks and mufflers to less fortunate children in Prince Georges County. The items will be sent to Neediest Children Incorporated (NCI) in the county. Sponsored by the Board of Education, NCI collects money and clothing for county children in need.

The program in Springhill Lake not only gives children the opportunity to bring woolen items and place them on the tree in the Fountain Lodge, but those who donate will also have the opportunity to be photographed with Santa Claus. Refreshments will also be served.

New Leases for MTC

Thomas J. Long, Vice President of Commercial Real Estate Brokerage for Coakley & Williams, Inc., announces the following lease transactions for Maryland Trade Center Park in Greenbelt East:

New tenants for MTC I include Grimm & Parker Architects, 1,788 square feet; National Car & Equipment Leasing Inc., 2,767 square feet; and a renewal with Omega World Travel for 857 square feet.

Transactions in MTC II include NYMA's 5,898 square feet expansion to a total of 19,000 square feet; Kissell-Virginia, Inc. expansion, 3,796 square feet; and Argo Systems, Inc. expansion and renewal of 8,587 square feet.

Brian Watts Joins Coakley & Williams

Tom Long, Vice-President of Commercial Real Estate Brokerage for Coakley & Williams, Inc. of Maryland Trade Center Park, announced the addition of Brian Watts as a leasing representative. Watts has been active in Coakley & Williams' acquisition department for two years and will continue in this capacity as a leasing representative.

Coakley & Williams has leased over 600,000 square feet of office and warehouse space throughout the Baltimore/Washington corridor since January 1987.

In last year's program, Douglas Bowman of Needy Kids, Inc. expresses appreciation to Springhill Lake children for their participation in the "Mitten Tree" where they give their mittens to less fortunate kids in Prince Georges County.

(photo by Campus Photo)

Greenbelt's Business

ROTARY COMES TO GREENBELT

Plans are underway for the organization of a Rotary Club in Greenbelt by a group of ten local business and professional men. Meeting with Ron Giles, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Beltsville and Jim Shultz, president of the Rotary Club of College Park, they agreed to apply for a charter in Rotary International, a worldwide association of more than 22,000 Rotary clubs with over 1,200,000 members in 160 countries and geographical regions.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional men united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help goodwill and peace in the world.

Others present at the kick-off breakfast were president-designate Ed McGehrin, executive vice president—Investments at Johnston, Lemon & Co.; Patrick Duffy, general manager of the Greenbelt Hilton; Frank Lowery, Nationwide Insurance; Bart Lanmon, partner at Farren & Cranford, CPA's; Tom Smith, vice-president at Eastern Business Machines; Steven Hosea, partner at McNamee, Hosea & Scott, attorneys; Don Caswell, W. Bell & Co.; Lindsey Scott, vice-president at Concord Management Co.; and Martin McGehrin, vice-president—Investments at Johnston, Lemon & Co.

Regular breakfast meetings of the proposed Rotary Club of Greenbelt will be held at the Greenbelt Hilton at 7:30 a.m. each Thursday. After formal admission to membership in Rotary International, its charter will be presented by William Luckan, Governor of Rotary District No. 762.

Cherrywood Lane Construction Begins

County Executive Parris Glendening has announced the awarding of the Cherrywood Lane construction project to the A. H. Smith Construction Company of Branchville. This contractor will construct a new roadway southwest of Maryland Route 201 (Edmonston Road) and will include the extension of Ivy Lane to meet the new Cherrywood Lane terminus. Grading will be done this month with further work continuing during the Spring. For more information contact the Department of Public Works and Transportation at 952-4150.

Comnet Lease

Comnet Corporation & Group I Software leased over 13,000 square feet at 6404 Ivy Lane. The building is owned by Community Realty, Inc.

Bob Turner and Kenneth King of the Fred Ezra Company represented the computer services and software firm in the lease negotiation. The total aggregate lease value is approximately \$2,420,000. The lease commenced in October 1987.

Styles Joins Merrill Lynch

Carole Greenwald, president of Merrill Lynch Realty, announces the appointment of Phil Styles as the new Branch Manager of the company's Greenbelt office located at 6401 Golden Triangle Drive. Styles brings nine years of real estate management to his position and is a former real estate instructor.

An official sponsor of the 1988 U.S. Olympic Team, Merrill Lynch Realty is a full service residential and commercial real estate company with 40 offices and 1,200 associates in Washington, suburban Maryland and Virginia.

Oxford Names New Senior Vice-President

Lawrence F. Naughton has been made a senior vice-president at Oxford Development Enterprises, Inc. of Greenbelt. Naughton, a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland School of Law, will be responsible for development and management activities in the Philadelphia district office. Oxford Development Enterprises is a subsidiary of the Oxford Development Corporation, one of the nation's largest builders of multi-family housing.

Brokerage Adds Staff

Tom Long, Vice-President of Commercial Real Estate Brokerage for Coakley & Williams, Inc. of Maryland Trade Center Park, announced the hiring of J. Jeffery and Pat McCarthy.

Jeffery was a broker with Peregrine White Company Inc., Pat McCarthy has 15 years of experience in the real estate industry and most recently operated his own real estate firm.

Escalante Named Property Manager

Community Realty Co., Inc. has named Richard L. Escalante property manager for Springhill Lake Office Building in Greenbelt.

Escalante, who recently passed his Maryland State real estate exam, also serves as Assistant Property Manager at Capital Office Park. He has been with the company since April, 1984.

AAA Leases Space

The American Automobile Association leased 4,400 square feet for a new branch at Commerce Center, 7701 Greenbelt Road.

Glenn Meltzer and Gene Sachs of The Fred Ezra Company represented AAA in the lease negotiation. The total lease value is over \$818,000.00 with a lease commencement date in November 1987.

Jefferson Bank Has Growing Year

Chairman of the Board Raymond G. LaPlaca has announced that Jefferson Bank & Trust Company's total assets on June 30 reached \$72.9 million, an increase of 15% over June 30, 1986.

Total deposits for the Greenbelt-based commercial bank on Greenway Center Drive, amounted to \$64.9 million on June 30, a 23% increase over 12 months earlier.

Maintenance/Construction Training Program Offered

The Suburban Maryland Building Industry Association is again offering a free eight-week full-time Maintenance / Construction Craft Training Program beginning January 4, 1988. The class of 25 will be trained in several areas of maintenance, including Carpentry, Plumbing, and Electrical Wiring.

The program will be held in Fairmount Heights. It will run from January 4 until February 26, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the Prince Georges County Private Industry Council (PGPIC).

To be eligible, applicants must be residents of Prince Georges County and at least 18 years of age. A high school diploma is not required. Women, veterans, and minorities are encouraged to apply. Interested persons should call PGPIC at 350-9760.

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Overflow Meeting Hears Congressman Steny Hoyer Discuss Current Issues

by Sid Kastner

A free-wheeling town meeting with Fifth Congressional District Congressman Steny Hoyer was held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 17 at the city council chamber in the municipal building. An overflow audience listened as Hoyer spoke briefly on local transportation subjects and then responded at length to written, and often interjected, questions on topics ranging from postal problems to the Persian Gulf. His replies often reflected not only his own views on the particular question at hand, but also the delicate positions a congressman in the House of Representatives finds himself in when facing opposition from colleagues and constituents on issues.

At the outset Hoyer said, "We are going to be successful in getting as much as 190 million dollars to guarantee the completion of the Green Line to Greenbelt." He also noted that a comparable effort will need to be mounted to extend Metro to southern Prince Georges County. With respect to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway which "is in need of significant upgrading and rehabilitation," including upgrading of access ramps, a House bill this year seeks 15 million dollars. "This amount will probably be lowered by the Senate," he said. Hoyer humorously termed the controversial Kenilworth/Greenbelt Road intersection a "non-federal project," thereby disclaiming direct responsibility for it, but he noted that State Roads Administrator Hal Kassoff had just visited the intersection to observe the situation.

These local matters were soon superseded when questions — written on cards at the beginning of the meeting — came from the audience on a number of federal, national and international issues. On the question of Hatch

Act reform for federal employees, Hoyer said, "I voted for it. It will allow federal employees to participate in the political process." On the idea of elevating the Veteran's Administrator to Cabinet status, he expressed opposition on the ground that it would unnecessarily "divert the VA into a broader spectrum of issues." On the imminent initiation of Gramm-Rudman budget cuts, Hoyer said "neither Republicans nor Democrats want to see (Gramm-Rudman) affect domestic programs" so that its implementation was likely to be delayed.

This in turn raised a question about possible cancellation of federal pay raises. Here the congressman took a position which was to be reiterated in discussions of other possible budget cuts. Hoyer stated, "If everyone tightens their belt, I'm willing to support it . . . there's no free lunch; your kids and my kids will be paying the bill" if fiscal restraint is not exercised. "We have a crisis in this country — better to make some tough decisions now, than to see unemployment going up to over 15%."

The same theme recurred in his responses on the subject of domestic programs, when a questioner suggested that the defense budget for a "trillion-dollar navy in the Persian Gulf" could be trimmed to save programs such as Social Security. He appeared to agree in principle with this approach, and with a senior member of the audience who argued, "Leave the poor people alone. I don't mind paying more in taxes if it's equitable (in application)." To the next question, "What are your feelings about a tax increase?", Hoyer came right out with the flat statement, "I think we need them." This clearly startled his hearers, and he followed by explaining that "I'm prepared to pay more to support my country's programs" in defense and health (and other programs).

Domestic programs for women, seniors and children were supported by Hoyer, who noted in particular that "Children under

six years of age are the fastest growing group in poverty," so that "I strongly oppose the Administration's efforts to cut programs dealing with children." This brought some applause. On a related issue brought up by a listener, he agreed that "We have to guard against pitting the younger citizens of this country against the older citizens." On health care, he believed that a national health care program such as Canada's would be too expensive to operate in the U.S., but that the particular aspect of health care for catastrophic illnesses was being addressed by Congress.

International Affairs

Questions then came on international matters such as the Central American situation, with a listener asking, "Do you think the Reagan Administration should stop supporting the contras?" Hoyer responded by referring to recent Administration criticism of House Speaker Jim Wright for discussions with President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua. He defended Wright strongly. "The speaker has been acting responsibly . . . Wright talked to Ortega about opening up the democratic process in Nicaragua." He spoke against "demeaning the U.S.A. by bombing the harbors of Nicaragua," and noted that Congress was the body to decide about going to war in Central America, not the President.

To a listener's suggestion that "Given the fact that the Soviets are developing their own SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative), ought we not cut our own defense budget for SDI?", Hoyer replied, "I voted for a lesser amount than the President wanted . . . I do not believe that SDI is a workable system (but) I differ with some of my friends that it hasn't forced the Soviets to bargain."

Another audience member urged that "Policing the Persian Gulf is costing us a million dollars a day. What can we do to

turn it over to other bodies?" Hoyer did not answer this directly but termed it a "much bigger issue than Nicaragua," since many more people were involved and neighboring countries such as Egypt "are very concerned."

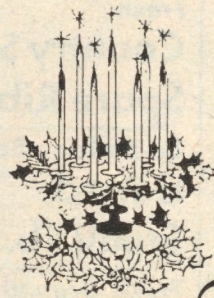
A number of other queries returned to the national or local level with subjects such as drug testing of federal employees, lobbying by the National Rifle Association, the impact of the stock market crash, views on the recently implemented Simpson-Mazzoli Act law on immigrants, and apparent ineffectiveness of the Environmental Protection Agency. Hoyer gave his views on all of these, in some cases admitting he did not have all the answers, and even introduced an issue of his own with an attack on recent intrusions of the press on political figures (Gary Hart, Joseph Biden and others).

Hoyer and his listeners did not

Young Republicans to Meet

The Prince Georges Young Republican Club will be holding their next meeting on Monday, December 14 at the Fireside House of Beef, 6011 Greenbelt Road, at 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans between the ages of 18-40 are invited to attend. The P.G.Y.R.'s are constantly searching for individuals interested in politics, social activities, and even public service projects. Needed are people who want to get involved and at the same time have some fun. For more information, contact Don Rockwell at 498-1763.

agree on all of the many matters discussed during the evening, nor was the audience itself unanimous on the issues; but the meeting was well-organized and informative, allowing a variety of concerns to be at least aired between congressman and constituents.



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While sitting at her dining room table about 9 p.m., November 28 in an apartment in the 6200 block of Springhill Court the occupant heard a key being inserted in the lock of her front door. A strange man entered. She screamed and he fled. He was described as black, 5'9", medium height, with brown hair, wearing a knit-type blue hat and a black jacket.

Cpl. Tim Hahn arrested an 18-year-old Seabrook man about 11 p.m., November 28 at Beltway Plaza for impersonating an officer and carrying a concealed weapon. The suspect had claimed to a Beltway Plaza security officer that he was with the U.S. Army counter-intelligence. He was incarcerated on \$2000 bond.

A 36-year-old Adelphi man was arrested about 8:45 a.m., November 26 after he was found passed out in a truck parked in front of Roosevelt Mall. A hypodermic syringe containing suspected cocaine was found in the truck. The suspect was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and incarcerated in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

About 2 a.m., November 28 Officer Thomas Moreland noticed a 1982 Toyota Celica Supra being driven through one parking lot after another in the Greenbelt East sector. When the officer stopped the car for a speeding violation he found that the occupants were two non-resident male juveniles, ages 14 and 16. Upon questioning, the officer learned they were planning to steal tires from parked cars, using tools they had in their car. The 16-year-old was charged with "rogue and vagabond" (possession of burglary tools) and released to his mother pending court action. The 14-year-old was not charged.

Two employees of the new Burlington Coat Factory store at Beltway Plaza, a 19-year-old Greenbelt man and an 18-year-old D.C. man were arrested about 5:40 p.m., December 1 when the manager found they were trying to steal clothing by concealing the items in boxes meant for the trash compactor. Taken before the U.S. Commissioner in Hyattsville the 19-year-old was held on \$500 bond and the 18-year-old was released on personal recognition.

Cpl. Gregory Lynn, while working part-time security about 7 p.m., November 30 at Marshall's Department Store in Beltway Plaza arrested two non-resident females, ages 17 and 28 after they were found concealing merchandise under their dresses, using girdles to hold the stolen items. While they were being escorted to the store security office a blue down coat dropped out from under one of their dresses. The 17-year-old was transported to the juvenile detention center at Cheltenham and the other suspect was incarcerated on \$500 bond.

About 4:30 a.m., November 30 a brick was thrown through the glass front door of the Radio Shack store at Greenway Center, setting off the alarm. Sgt. Love searched the premises with a K-9 dog for possible suspects. None were found and nothing was reported stolen.

About 5 a.m., December 1 large cement rocks were thrown through the front window of the

Attitudes clothing store at Greenway Center. The store was entered and a number of wool coats were stolen.

A 17-year-old non-resident was arrested about 3 a.m., November 26 in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road after a stop for traffic violations. A computer check revealed the car had been stolen, and suspected PCP was found in the suspect's possession. He was held at Boys' Village.

While the occupants were away between November 24 and 29 over the Thanksgiving holiday an apartment in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive was broken into through a rear bedroom window. Stolen were a Mitsubishi 20" TV, an Olympus camera, a Sony Walkman, a leather jacket and money and jewelry.

A 19" Toshiba color TV was stolen between 3 and 10 p.m., November 27 from an apartment in the 6200 block of Springhill Court. There were no signs of forced entry but a plastic card may have been used to unlock the front door.

An apartment in the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive was broken into over the weekend of November 29-30. Two Sharp electronic typewriters were stolen.

A black 1984 Pontiac Trans-Am, N.Y. registration YXY857 was stolen December 1 from the parking lot in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace.

A black 2-door 1981 Datsun 280SX was stolen December 3 from the parking lot in the 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace.

During the night of November 25 and 26 two radial tires were stolen from a car parked in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road.

A rear tire and rim were stolen from a '79 Dodge Aspen parked in the 9200 block of Edmonston Road during the night of November 26-27.

A Uniden LP1000 car phone was stolen November 30 from a 1986 Nissan Sentra parked in the 6400 block of Ivy Lane. The left rear window of the car was smashed to gain entry.

A Maryland dealer's tag 1A09442 was stolen December 3 from a car parked in the 6400 block of Ivy Lane.

Electronic technicians' tools were stolen November 30 from a '79 Dodge van parked in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. A vent window was forced open.

A Maryland tag RHH451 was stolen December 1 from a '73 VW parked in the 7400 block of Greenbelt Road.

A radar detector, cassette tapes and a gold bracelet were stolen December 3 from a 1987 Nissan Pulsar parked in the 7100 block of Ora Glen.

The car radio and tapes were stolen on December 3 from a 1987 VW parked in the 7900 block of Mandan Road.

The steering column on a 1987 Pontiac Fiero was broken open on November 29 in an unsuccessful attempt to steal the car in the 7600 block of Mandan Road.

Officer Thomas Moreland recovered a stolen 1985 Toyota Corolla about 12:50 a.m., No-

vember 27 in front of 7708 Hanover Parkway. The car had been stolen in Virginia.

A 1987 Pontiac Fiero, stolen during the night of November 28-29 from the 8000 block of Mandan Road was found December 1 in fair condition by P. G. County police in Suitland.

Vandalism and malicious destruction to parked cars were reported on November 28 at 12, 22 and 48 Crescent Road, 14 Ridge Road, the 2 Court of Westway and the 6200 block of Edmonston Terrace; on November 29 at 20 Parkway and 1-G Westway; and on December 1 in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace.

Officers Tom Kemp and Mike Lanier noticed a 1985 Oldsmobile being operated with expired D.C. tags about 11:20 a.m., November 8. A computer check revealed the car had been reported stolen in Quantico, Va. With the assistance of the U.S. Park Police, they stopped the car at Routes 295 and 202 and arrested the three occupants. Upon further investigation the officers verified that one of the men was the authorized driver and that he had recovered the car that morning and neglected to notify police. After confirming that no crime had been committed in Greenbelt the men were released without charges.

A man who tried to use "fake"

Golden Age Club

by Janet M. James

On December 16, at 11 a.m. at the Recreation Center, the Golden Age Club of Greenbelt will see some movies. The movies will be illustrating a talk by Eileen Newman of the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service and the subject will be "Nutrition for the Elderly." All of you folks who are about to be aging (of course, none of us are really "old") come on down and see how good a nutritious diet can be.

coupons authorizing free photo finishing to claim processed film about 4 p.m., November 8 at the CPI Photofinishing stand at Beltway Plaza grabbed the film and fled when the clerk refused to honor the coupons. He was described as black, 30 years old, 6'1", 200 lbs., black hair, mustache, wearing dark, plastic-framed glasses and a dark sweater and pants.

On November 7 a pair of Pioneer speakers and two graphite tennis rackets were reported stolen from a 1981 Chevy parked in the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway.

A set of Maryland tags, SJR-678, was stolen between November 10 and 12 from a car parked at Pool #2 on Cherrywood Terrace.

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Council Tidbits

by Mavis Fletcher

At the regular city council meeting of Nov. 16 the council discussed or took action on the following agenda items:

- It instructed the city staff to find out whether the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission could still include a 10,000 sq. ft. part of the Witt tract in Greenbelt East in its condemnation proceedings of the rest of the tract. City Manager James K. Giese said that the city could then acquire the parcel (zoned commercial) from WSSC to prevent its development as a small commercial facility. He warned that the land might be expensive but, if it is not prohibitive, he recommended that the WSSC be asked to include it in its action to acquire the rest of the parcel which WSSC needs for a stormwater management pond.

- Council gave final approval to a transfer of \$15,400 from reserves to pay for reroofing and repair of four sections of the roof at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and to replace a heat pump in the Municipal Building. It also authorized negotiated purchase of police communications equipment for \$68,625. Giese said that the funds will come from bond money and will be added to the cost of the police facility.

- Council referred the planned rerouting and/or extension of three roads in the city to the Advisory Planning Board. According to the Greenbelt Master Plan, Crescent Road, as it nears Kenilworth, is slated to be moved to a point opposite Ivy Lane. Ridge Road would be moved to the north side of the Lakeside North Apartments and it would intersect Kenilworth Avenue near the salt dome, opposite Cherrywood Lane Extended. Mandan Road is proposed to be extended outside the city to Brae Brook Drive. Council's position on these plans had been solicited by County Executive Parris Glendening, since they are in the County Capital Improvement Program but not funded at this time.

- Council discussed topics for the annual meeting with area legislators, which was scheduled for November 23. The topics included state debt on surplus school land, opposition to the extension of Kenilworth Avenue, exclusion of local governments from the county energy tax (the only instance where the county taxes a municipality), a traffic light at Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive, and increased contributions for state-funded city programs such as Greenbelt CARES.

- Council postponed making appointments to several city boards and advisory bodies until a brief, special meeting to be held before a worksession on November 24.

PGCC STARTS NEW NURSING PROGRAM

Sharon Carlson, director of a new nursing preparatory program at Prince Georges Community College, announced that the college is now seeking 20 applicants for Spring semester classes. Classes begin January 25.

Funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Human Services, the program seeks to place nursing education within the reach of students who might not otherwise qualify.

If accepted, Carlson says, students qualified for financial aid, could receive a monthly stipend to help offset the cost of training. For additional information, call 322-0740.

New Theater Piece At Univ. of Md.

University Theatre at The University of Maryland will present "Power: A Vaudeville," an original theatre piece by faculty member Ronald O'Leary. Performances will run December 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and December 13 at 2 p.m. in the Rudolph E. Pugliese Theatre.

"Power: A Vaudeville" deals with the struggle for power and the seeming human need to be on top and raises the question as to whether true power lies in taking or giving, dominating or loving.

Tickets are available in person at the Tawes Theatre Box Office. For further information call 454-2201 (voice and TDD) weekdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Labor Day Highlights

Shown in GATE's Debut

GATE (Greenbelt Access Television, Inc.), Greenbelt's public access organization, will present its first program in December. "The 1987 Labor Day Festival" will air on public access channel B-15 on Friday, December 11 at 8:30 p.m., and Thursday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. The program features highlights from this year's festival.

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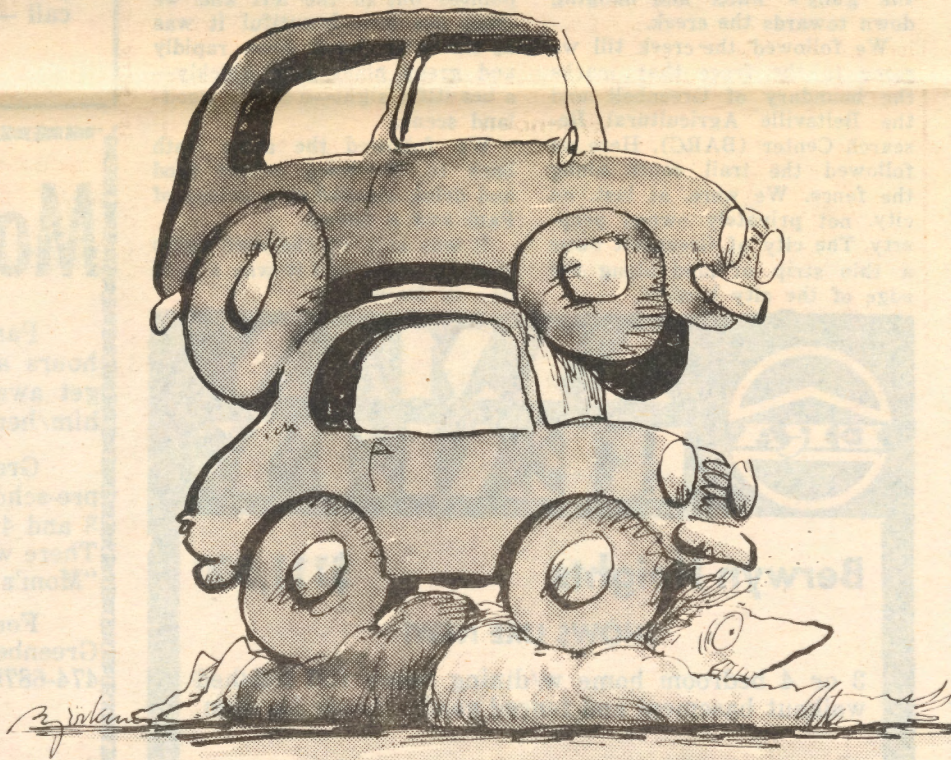
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Parcel 1: A Guided Tour

by Betsy Likowski

It was a cold and windy Saturday as 16 of us met for a guided tour of the woods on Parcel 1. In a letter to the editor in last week's *News Review*, Paul Downs invited people to come and see what Parcel 1 is like.

He took us by trails as wide as sidewalks over creeks and up and down the plateau and then back again in an hour-long hike. The hike was repeated on Sunday for 15 more interested people.

It was cold as we stood on the road near the head of the trail, but once we started into the woods the trees and the folds of the land blocked the wind. Starting more than ¼ of the way down Northway on the left, the trail quickly dropped down to the creek bottom and we crossed by logs over the creek that runs parallel to Northway.

Soon we came to another creek and there we had our only mishap when a girl fell into the water, making it necessary for her, her mother and her sister to drop out.

As we took the right fork of the trail it rapidly climbed up from the creek bottom and we heard the wind singing in the pine trees.

Now the trail ran straight ahead in a northerly direction along the slope of the large plateau that runs through Parcel 1. To our left the land sloped up and to the right the land dropped down rapidly. The upper slopes were covered with oak trees, but to our right was a mass of green that were pine trees.

The wide path stretched on and on before us, straight and clear, reminding one of pictures seen of roads through the woods. After awhile of this, our guide took us up a path that ran up to the top of the plateau.

Looking up it looked steep, but looking down from the top it looked even steeper and I realized my breath was shorter and my heart beat a little faster. And what a surprise — we were looking out at the tops of the trees as the land fell down quickly on both sides of the plateau.

I had already discovered we were a diverse bunch. The youngest made the trip on daddy's back, but most of us were in the range of mid-20 to mid-40 in age.

Our guide, Paul Downs, is a life-long resident of Greenbelt. He told of having "discovered" these woods when he was 12 years old. He said he just wanted people to see the woods on Parcel 1.

And even at this most bleak time of year, with the leaves of the oaks and other trees on the ground, the peace, serenity and subtle beauty of the woods was easily apparent.

The fact that most of the trees had lost their leaves just made the evergreen trees and shrubs much more visible and appreciated. And these evergreens had a beauty all their own.

The further we walked the more green I saw; huge patches of ground pine covering the earth like a green blanket, large stands of pines swaying in the wind, and clumps of holly and mountain laurel brightening the woods at eye level.

In fact it was on the plateau that I really appreciated all this green in the otherwise sleeping woods. Here large groups of laurel were scattered about and in May I knew they would be full of white flowers.

I so enjoyed walking along the

ridge of the plateau, looking out through the tree tops that I was a bit sorry to go down a path towards Plateau Place which could just barely be seen through the trees.

We caught the main path coming off the end of Plateau Place and headed in a northerly direction. The land fell towards a creek. On the right I heard birds chattering up in the pines. How beautiful, but my attention was riveted to the left by a huge grove of holly trees. How lovely all that green looked and it almost made me forget that the rest of the trees had already shed their leaves.

Then, there in front of us was the creek that flows from between 58 and 62 courts of Ridge Road. Paul explained that the bridge was washed out so we'd go no further north, but followed the creek eastward.

We couldn't cross the creek because it was at the bottom of a steep gully that was, in most places, deeper than a man is tall.

It was beautiful to look at. The sides of the miniature canyon changed colors as the layers of clay that it was made up of changed: from red-orange to brown and gray the layers swirled and changed and were highlighted by dark green Christmas ferns growing out of the gully's walls and hanging down towards the creek.

We followed the creek till we came to the fence that marks the boundary of Greenbelt and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). Here we followed the trail south along the fence. We were, at last, on city, not privately owned property. The city of Greenbelt owns a thin strip of land along the edge of the city borders.

In our group were several who lived near the woods on Parcel 1 or the land owned by the county south of Northway. Several made use of the woods by walking or walking their dogs through the woods. One man said he'd been walking through the woods of Greenbelt since 1953 and that many of the main trails had remained in use all that time. Yet another man, Tom Moran, said he'd never actually walked the land but when he saw Paul's invitation he jumped at the chance to see Parcel 1 at first hand. Also among our group was Paul Sobel who recently helped form the Volksmarch group.

As we walked along, the slope leading up to the plateau was on our right and beyond the fence on our left we could see Golden Field in BARC. Then the fence angled away from us and on our left were the several channels of Beaver Dam Creek flowing north. You could see how the creek had recently been running higher as debris lay around its banks.

I had asked if any one knew of any foundations of old houses on Parcel 1. Nobody did, but one man pointed out an old home site just across the fence of BARC.

The trail followed the creek for awhile. Then the path climbed up a bit from the low-lying flood plain on to the slope of the plateau. The path ran straight on ahead of us.

And then our guide stopped us and we could see we were back at the point where we'd climbed up onto the plateau. He pointed out to the left and we could see how beautiful it was as the land sloped down rapidly and green pines grew thickly—a beautiful sight—a lovely woodland scene.

We followed the same path back to Northway where food and drink awaited us courtesy of Paul and a friend.

It was only on the road again that we could feel it was a cold day in December.

State Police K9 Divisions Seeks Labrador Retriever

The Maryland State Police K-9 Division is seeking the donation of either a black or golden Labrador Retriever to be trained for use as a police dog.

The dog can be male or female, but should be between one year and eighteen months old. The dog needs to have a good disposition and be able to play fetch and retrieve. AKC registration is preferred, but not necessary.

Persons wishing to donate a retriever should contact First Sergeant Benjamin Cohev commander of the State Police K-9 Division at 301-298-0131, 461-9459, 461-3918.

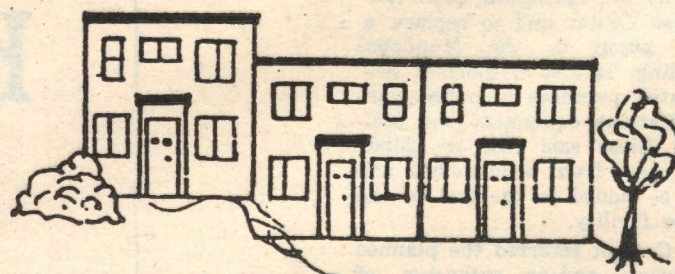
County Departments Have Food Drive for the Needy

The Prince Georges County Public Schools are cooperating with the Prince Georges County Police Department, the Prince Georges County Sheriff's Department and the Department of Corrections in the collection of canned food for needy people during the holidays.

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For more information, call Julie McHale at the Greenbelt Recreation Department Business Office at 474-6878.

Greenbelt Concert Band Performance

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Imagining the Future

It is Fifty Years from the Fiftieth -- And Greenbelt is Still Greater

by Steve Curtis

It is often instructive to imagine the future in order to avoid potentially disastrous pitfalls. What follows is one view of the future of GREENBELT: 2037 A.D.

It has now been 50 years since the 1987 celebration of the 50th anniversary of Greenbelt's founding. In many ways things have changed, but one thing has not: the continuous onslaught of development that began in the early 1980's has continued unabated. The citizens of Greenbelt have never had a chance to catch their collective breath.

Immediately after the saturation of development along Greenbelt Road in the late 1980's, very intensive development surrounding the future Metro Green Line site started in the early 1990's. Almost simultaneously, the Inter-Beltway Connector which linked the now 12-lane Capital Beltway to the 16-lane Outer Beltway was completed. This 12-lane roadway, along the roadbed of what was known in earlier times as Edmonston Road, ignited a firestorm of highrise development along it that continued thru the 1990's. The property used in the part of this development which occurred near Greenbelt was largely Department of Agriculture land that had been declared surplus due to the impacts of the Inter-Beltway Connector's projected air and noise pollution.

The extensive development of highrise structures along urban beltways resulted in a process termed "canyonization," since the roadways typically became continuously lined by highrises that very much gave the impression to drivers that they were travelling along a dry river bottom of a canyon in the western U.S. A number of studies were done of the microclimates and unique flora found in canyonized beltways in the early 2000's. Greenbelt obtained some widespread press coverage following a definitive book on canyonization published in 2021 which identified the road network surrounding the city as providing the earliest example of complete canyonization in the eastern U.S.

GKI Problems Eased

In the mid 1990's, after more than 30 attempted reconfigurations, the severe traffic problems at the infamous Greenbelt-Kenilworth Intersection (GKI) were somewhat ameliorated by the construction of the GKI Bypass along the northern and eastern edges of Old Greenbelt using the planned right-of-way of what was in earlier times known as the perimeter road. Initially six lanes, the Bypass was widened to 12 lanes in the early 2010's. This action was coupled with modifications to other surrounding roads to form a micro-beltway completely surrounding what was known historically as "old Greenbelt."

Unfortunately, the widening of the Bypass necessitated the removal of all the freestanding homes that had been individually built by their original owners in the 1980's and 1990's. Some Greenbelt residents objected to the removal of those houses on the grounds that they were of historic value. But many

residents were privately relieved to see the structures leveled since they had seriously deteriorated after having been divided into small apartments by an enterprising local building contractor. The original owners had left soon after the Bypass was constructed due to the extreme noise and air pollution. In a book dealing with the history of beltway developments which was published in 2031, Greenbelt was discussed as the earliest example of a complete micro-beltway that was also fully canyonized.

Parkland Efforts End

The Greenbelt City Council had been attempting to buy additional parkland since the bond issues of the late 1980's and early 1990's. It formally abandoned its attempts when the last large block of open space, known as Parcel 1, was approved for development as a Science-Technology Park in the late 1990's by the county. Two factors contributed to this outcome: the existence of the GKI Bypass which gave ready access to the parcel; and the fact that the bond issue monies originally allocated for parkland purchase and not later spent on other items would only have bought 10,000 square feet of Parcel 1 at 1997 prices.

Some members of city council took particular pride that the high-tech buildings would be placed in a parklike setting that would provide recreational opportunities for Greenbelters on weekends. Unfortunately, the protective covenants that were to assure this parklike setting were voided by the American Reindustrialization Act of 2001. (This Federal law was passed in reaction to the continuing slide in U.S. industrial competitiveness). As a result infill buildings were placed in the open spaces. The final appearance was much like the suburban industrial parks of the 1960's-1970's.

City Council Perishes

The Sci-Tech Park was dedicated in 2003 to the memory of the entire 2005 city council who had perished in a Greenbelt Connection vehicle which collided with a 45-ton container vehicle bound for a Greenbelt construction site. The council had been making a highly publicized city-wide tour using the Connection to demonstrate the solidarity of their support for the intra-city bus service—which at the time was costing the city about \$155.52 a ride in 1987 dollars. Since Greenbelters had traditionally preferred a less sudden change in the composition of their city council, a city charter amendment was passed in 2006 directing that no more than two council members could occupy the same motor vehicle at the same time.

Goodbye, GHI

Perhaps the greatest change to the character of Greenbelt occurred in 2016 when the membership of what was known as Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (composed of most of the remaining original buildings dating to 1937) voted to sell their homes to the East Pacific Motor Works, Ltd. East Pacific, a conglomerate of foreign and domestic car manufacturers, totally razed the original homes over the next year. But as a concession to the city council, East Pacific established a small museum at the automo-

bile plant which allowed visitors to experience the original city housing both inside and out via advanced computer holographic projection techniques. One member of council commented, at the 2018 opening of the Greenbelt Homes Museum, that the projections were even better than the real homes since they would not have to be rehabilitated again. Indeed most council members were relieved that they would not again be approached by the housing cooperative to find financing for yet another rehabilitation program. "Four rehabs are enough!" was a cry made not only by Greenbelters in general but by the residents of the original homes themselves.

Some of the post-centarian residents of Green Ridge House VI (there had been five additional senior citizen homes constructed since the original) who were strong union supporters were elated to find out that although the East Pacific facility was entirely automated, all of the robots would be dues-paying union members. When East Pacific was in full production in 2020, they introduced a car model that is now regarded as an automotive classic: the Greenbelt Canyon Cruiser. This vehicle was specifically designed for the harsh conditions of heavily urbanized canyonized beltways. It was very popular in Greenbelt.

Research Farm Leaves

By the mid-2020's, the local air quality had deteriorated to

the point that the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center was regularly experiencing research crop failures and livestock losses. In 2028, the Center announced that it was moving and that all of the land would be declared surplus. This event was welcomed by the Prince Georges County Executive who immediately arranged for a Consortium of investors to buy the property and to develop it using the low interest loans made available under the Federal Reindustrialization Act of 2025. The result has been a major building boom in this former farm area from 2029 to the present day in 2037. The motto of the former County Executive, "I'm rabid on American Reindustrialization," has become popular throughout Greenbelt. The massive development at this former agricultural research facility has given Greenbelt yet another first: the first outer micro-beltway in the U.S. It is rapidly becoming canyonized, so in the near future we may expect yet another first. Greenbelt has certainly now earned a permanent place in the history books of urban development!

Older Buildings Decay

One problem that has become worse since the start of the 2030's is the deterioration of the commercial building stock constructed in the 1980's and 1990's. Although these buildings were viewed as high quality construction in the relatively primitive 1980's, they were not designed to accommodate the environmental stresses common to Greenbelt today, such as paint- and metal-dissolving acid rain and the need for self-contained air quality assurance equipment. From old records dating from the 1970's, 1980's and 1990's, we

can tell that Greenbelters grappled with a similar problem with the commercial buildings in the original town center. That problem was solved by razing the old Greenbelt Center in 2002. Similar actions may be required for our older building stock from the 1980's and 1990's.

Greenbelt Today

Today in 2037, Greenbelt is a bustling metropolis with a population in excess of 300,000. Greenbelters have made sacrifices to achieve the many firsts that have been outlined here and that have become synonymous with the Greenbelt name. The green spaces of the original green belt are long gone as are the original homes. The original lake was converted to a sealed culvert due to water quality problems in 2027.

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Condolences to the family of Louis G. Lushine of Boxwood, who died November 29.

At the Maryland Art Education Association Conference held in Baltimore on October 12, Roberta Felsen from Eleanor Roosevelt High School received the 1987 Outstanding Art Teacher Award for career teachers.

November 23 was a happy day for Patricia and Michael Cain of Mandan Court. Their new baby Patrick Andrew Cain, weighed 6 lbs., 9½ oz. and was born in Holy Cross Hospital.

A happy new arrival was welcomed at the home of Melinda and Joel Schenk on November 21. Their new daughter, Talya Beth Schenk, Westway, weighed 5 lbs., 8 oz.

Happy first month birthday to Christopher David Sisson, who was born November 1 at Andrews Air Force Base, Malcom Grow Hospital. Chris weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. His proud parents are David and Peggy Sisson of Greenbriar.

Julie Cain and her husband Tim Harig of Ft. Washington, Pa., are the parents of a tiny baby daughter. Laurel Andrea Harig was born 3 months early on November 10 weighing 2 lbs.,



Martha Kaufman 474-9359

13 oz. Laurel joins brother Bryan. Our best wishes to the Harig family.

Myra Dawson was selected as an Outstanding Lady in the community of Springhill Lake. She is an active member of the Good Neighbor Watch Group, Toastmasters International, and has participated in a 30-mile bike race to benefit the Association of Retarded Citizens.

Over the past 65 years, the McCarl family has built a proud history of association with the University of Maryland. An article about the family appeared in the University of Maryland foundation newsletter, Milestones.

Currently presiding over the family is Clayton McCarl, Sr. His father, James, began the legacy, graduating from the UM Dental School in 1923. Clayton, Sr. and his brother, James Taylor McCarl, followed in their father's footsteps, graduating from the Dental School in 1956 and 1955, respectively. Following their graduation, the McCarl brothers practiced dentistry with their father in Greenbelt until the death of the elder McCarl in 1967.

The practice continues today, with several members of Clayton's family joining the family business.

"Life has been very kind to

me," notes Clayton Sr. "I got an excellent education at a fine state university, and I want to give something back. I believe that you can't do it all for yourself, and supporting Maryland is a worthwhile thing to do."

Dr. Jan Kuhn of Lakeview Circle presented a paper on "Relationship Disruption" at the Twenty-fourth Georgetown University Symposium on Family Theory and Family Psychotherapy.

At a private professional meeting at Georgetown University prior to the symposium, Dr. Kuhn presented a shorter paper entitled "Cerebral Hemispheric Differences in Emotional Responses."

In the Friday night bridge game at the Youth Center on November 6, Tony Pisano and Harvey Geller came in first. On November 13, Ruth Schuetzle and Peg Wainwright came in first and Laura and Bill Walker came in second.

The Fountain Lodge was packed recently as residents and guests danced to the music of the Rockin' Valiants. The six member band will be playing again at the Fountain Lodge on New Year's Eve, which, in addition to the band, will include everything from noisemakers to a buffet dinner, says Linda Schwarten, Community Relations Director at the Fountain Lodge. For more information, please call 474-4555.

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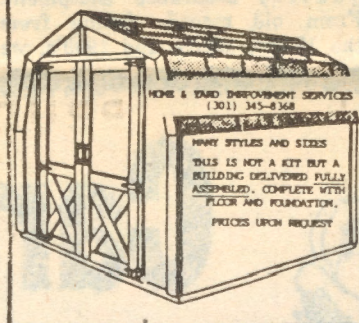
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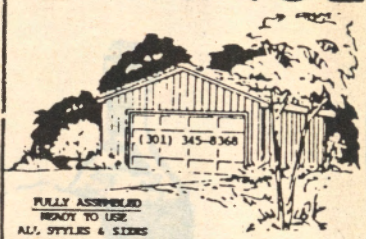
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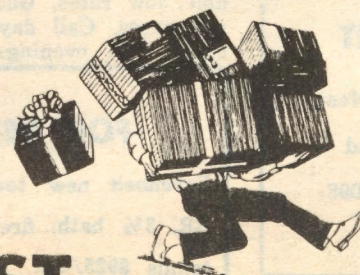
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